

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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SEIZURE OF CHINESE GOODS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the customs officials have been instructed to seize goods of Chinese and Taiwanese origin:
- (b) if so, whether the shopkeepers and other retailers will have to produce credible evidence of the source of purchase of items from these countries;
- (c) whether any goods from these two countries have been seized during the last six months; and
- (d) if so, the details of goods seized and rates valued in open market?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N.RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a) & (b): No, Sir. However, any goods illegally imported are liable for seizure under the provisions of Customs Act, 1962, unless the person concerned proves otherwise.
- (c) & (d): During last six months, smuggled contraband goods of Chinese and Taiwanese origin, valued at Rs.23.80 crores (approx.), have been seized by the officers of Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.